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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NZ ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

REF: (A) STATE 235483, (B) STATE 234925

1. SCIATT MET CHAIRMAN STONE FOR 2-HOUR DISCUSSION

2. STONE REQUESTS THAT OCTOBER 23, PRIOR TO
RESCHEDULED APPOINTMENT WITH ADMIRAL RICKOVER AT 2:00
PM, BE LEFT FREE FOR PERSONAL BUSINESS. WOULD LIKE
APPOINTMENTS FOR REMAINDER OF OCTOBER 23, FOLLOWING
RICKOVER MEETING AND HAS RESERVED ENTIRE DAY OF
OCTOBER 24 FOR APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON.

3. STONE REITERATED TO SCIATT PRESENT HIGH SENSITIVITY
OF NUCLEAR ISSUES IN NEW ZEALAND BECAUSE OF NEGATIVE
PUBLICITY CONNECTED WITH FRENCH WEAPON TESTING IN
PAUPA. HE BELIEVES THAT THE NZ GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE
SOME DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF
NUCLEAR POWER GENERATOR PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH THIS IS
DEFINITELY BEING PLANNED FOR THE NINETEEN-EIGHTIES.

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4. STONE IS VERY ANXIOUS TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH THE NEW US FEDERAL STRUCTURE IN ENERGY AFFAIRS. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE ORGANIZATION AND HIGH LEVEL STAFFING OF BOTH ERDA AND NRC AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS IN BOTH AGENCIES WHO COULD EXPLAIN THE PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION OF THE AGENCY. SPECIFIC VIEWS OF INTEREST WOULD BE: PRESENT STATUS OF THE RASMUSSEN REPORT AND HOW THIS IS BEING UTILIZED, CHANGES IN LICENSING PROCEDURES AS APPLIED TO REACTORS, ENRICHED MATERIAL, ETC., LIKELY AVAILABILITY OF ENRICHED MATERIALS FROM US IN FUTURE. LATEST THINKING ON TRANSPORTATION AND SECURITY OF NUCLEAR FUEL.

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